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FROM MR. JAMES HILL.

WMSBURG July 24th. 1772—

SIR/

I reced your Letter the 18th. of June after I had set off from Home to the Easten Shore where I was gone a fortnight & Have been over the Hole Estate there & have Acted in the best manner I coud in respect to the Stocks of Sheep on Mockon Isleland wherein Mr. Vallentine Joind Stocks with one Mr. John Stratton & I have broke up the Partnership & am desirous of no Persons Joining without your Consent, I shoud have Wrote to you Sooner But have waited for the Ship to come in yt. I might write to you for Instructions abt. Shippg. the Tobo. whether the Hole go on board Capt. Peterson as he tells me he Expects the Hole & Capt Easton was at my House this mornng. & says he Always carried 10 or 12 Hhds that in Particular from the Easten Shore which is 6 Hhds which will not be as much as he wants & he goes of Next week that if he is to have any I must get an Answer from you as Quick as Possable—I shoud have Shipd the Hole on board Capt. Peterson if Capt. Easton had not Applied, but shant do any thing abt. it abt untill I receive yr. Answer—you wrote me concerning the money that I had not Sent you an Acct. of the Hole money I recd the reason the 10£ 16 was not mention'd in my Letter Colo. Lewis Recd it him self & After I had wrote to you he gave me a Rec: for it & I had seald my Letter to you & knew he would Give you an Acct of it which I immagined woud make no Material Difference whether I gave you an acct. or not as I was certain he woud as he Received it tho I stated it in my

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Acct. with you—I have not sold The corn yet am now waitg. in Town to make Sail but the Price of corn appear to be falling I cant get more than 13/ & 13/6 per Barl. what I sell from Home I get 15/for there is one or two Gent from the Easten Shore that wants to Purchase that Corn from there but they offer but 13/ per Barl. & am waitg for a Better Price I am in hopes the Price will rise before the court Brakes there is Several Gent. that is now waitg. to make Sail of theres & they tell me they Expect a better Price—our Crops are Likely as can Possably be Expected for Quantity of Poor Ground we are obliged to tend there only Rockahock & there is but a very Indifferent Prospect there for Every thing we have lost a fine young wench in childbed there Doctor Pasteur was sent up to her but she was Delivered before he got up & appeared to be Tollerable well & drank Cold water & Killd her immediately

I have Lost an old fellow from Mill Quarter with the consumption & a negro child from yr. Quarter in King William That I had brought down to be convenient to the Doctor that we might [not] be at the Expençe of Paying for Visits but the child Did not Live more than 3 or 4 days after I got it down it appeared to have the mange as bad as I ever saw a Pigg & has been in That Condition for some time & the overseer told me he had Purged it Several times but to no Purpose & I gave it a Purge as soon as it came down but I saw it was Past cure I sent it to the Doctor & he was from Home all the Rest at this time is very well only a wench at Rockahock has a Complaint in her Eyes & have ordered her down to get curd—I have not got that Fellow Will Shag that was Run away But I think to send him to the Easten Shore as soon as I get him being in a Hurry the Post Just going of

Yr. Mo. Hble Servt. JAMES HILL